

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer Celebrate



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Early Morning Visitor



Sweet our site supervisor managed to photograph this visitor to our pond early one morning. We are really proud of our school

site. How wonderful that it is already becoming a haven for wildlife.

Assembly Battles so far have been thoroughly enjoyable and very exciting. The children would love it if more parents came along to watch and support them. The timetable for the whole year has been sent out on Parentmail, and there are reminders



on the newsletter diary and on the weekly what's on updates to let you know the dates for each class. If children would like to share achievements from outside school such as trophies and certificates, they are still welcome to bring them in on Fridays to be shown in Assembly.

Mental Health Day – non uniform for Teens in Crisis – on Friday 11th October we will be raising funds for Teens in Crisis and focussing on Mental Health. We are a day later than the national day because so many children are out at the Cheltenham Literature Festival on the 10th October. Children wishing to come to school that day in non-uniform should pay £1 minimum

Diary Dates

September

October

- 1st – Aberdovey Residential trip meeting for Year 6 parents
- 4th – Assembly Battle – Sparrow v Nightingale Yr 2
- 4th – Cheltenham Literature Festival Year 5
- 8th – Cheltenham Literature Festival Year 6
- 10th – Cheltenham Literature Festival Years 1,2,3,4
- 11th – Mental Health Day – non uniform to raise funds for Teens In Crisis
- 11th – Assembly Battle – Swift v Jay Yr 4
- 14th – 18th – Year 6 Residential to Aberdovey
- 21st & 23rd – Parents Evening Reception only
- 22nd – School Photos
- 24th – Harvest Festival
Last day of school
- 25th – Inset Day

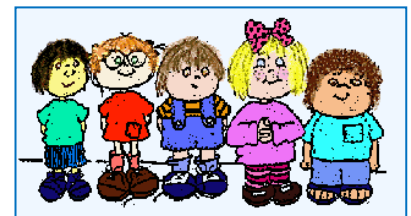
November

- 4th – School starts for all pupils
- 11th – Armistice Assembly
- 19th – Open Day for 2020 Reception Intake
- 29th – PTFA Christmas Fair

December

- 18th – Pantomime trip

donation which will be donated to Teens in Crisis which is a Gloucestershire charity. Last year, over 2,000 young people used their counselling services to help them cope. They have supported young people with issues such as depression, anxiety, bereavement, bullying, anger, relationship problems, low self-esteem and self-harm. Their counsellors have worked with children in our school, and so we really want to



support them. We do ask please that children are dressed appropriately for school and all the usual activities they will undertake, so no high heels, and nothing really precious in case it is damaged or lost.

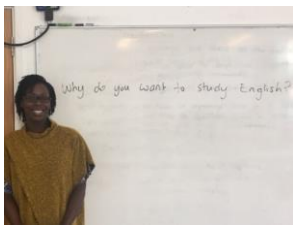
Aldi's Kit for Schools Reminder – we are collecting stickers for the Aldi Kit for Schools



promotion which will give us a chance to win £20,000 and an exclusive sports kit. Please collect Team GB Stickers when you spend £30 in an Aldi store, and bring them in to school to add to our poster.

Adult Education, Functional Skills English – Come Join Us!

We began enrolment for Functional Skills English last week, but it's not too late to join us! We have a lovely group of 5 parents at the moment, but plenty of room for more. The class meets on Fridays mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided! If you are interested, ring or visit Erica to have a chat. The instructor is Maxine Reid and we asked her to tell us a bit about herself:



"I'm 35. My parents are Jamaican. As well as teaching Functional Skills English, I am a qualified yoga teacher and I also teach ESOL.

I spent a few years living in Bangkok, Thailand where I taught English (ESOL). I studied English Literature at University. I'm hilarious (even if I say so myself).

My likes include: bright colourful clothing, yoga, cake & custard, hugs, reading, cheesy jokes, dancing and singing. Dislikes include: celery and Microsoft Excel. I prefer words to numbers.

I love teaching because I get a massive buzz from helping people to develop themselves and work towards their goals."

Attendance Whole school attendance is at 97.69% - we have had a couple of days this term with really fabulous attendance – but we are still waiting for a 100%



day! We have also had a couple of days with a lot of lateness – if children arrive at school after the bell goes but before 9am they are marked as late (L). When they arrive later than 9am they are marked as (U) – and it counts as a

half day absence! Please try really hard to be on time.

Reading Evening

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the reading evening on 19th September, and to all the staff



who stayed to make it such a success. It was marvellous to see the school so full of children and parents! One

parent who came said that she had not expected it to be exciting, but it turned out to be 'really good fun!'

30 Day Sketching Challenge!

Tuesday 1st of October will be the launch of our 30 day sketching challenge!

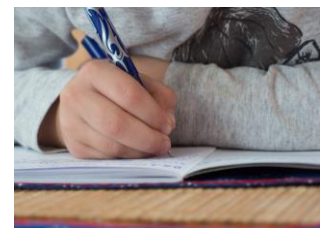
Children will be sketching different things daily (as broadcast on the school competition padlet) and



submitting their sketchbooks at the end for prizes! We are also welcoming entrants from parents and carers also, so why not get all the family involved? Keep an eye out on the school website for the Competition padlet which will outline the requirements of each day. If you have any questions, please ask Miss Evans. Happy sketching!

Writing Competition A parent has come to school to suggest that we promote writing through competitions. We think this is a brilliant idea and

the Year 6s are 'on it'. Watch this space!



Gaming (is that what kids are calling it these days?)

A message from Erica Fearn, our Family Support Worker:

Students often tell me about the video games

(do I sound old??) they play at home so I thought it would be a good idea to compile a list of the popular games at the moment and their PEGI ratings (PEGI is the system used in the UK



for new console and PC games. A 7-rated game is suitable for everyone who is seven or older, while an 18-rated game is deemed suitable for adults only).

Fifa (3 – suitable for all ages)

Minecraft (7)

Roblox (7)

Fortnite (12)

Overwatch (12)

Apex Legends (16)

Call of Duty (18)

Based on this information, we should not have any students in this school reporting that they are playing Fortnite, Overwatch, Apex Legends or Call of Duty.

For more information on these and other popular games, visit

<https://pegi.info/https://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/video-game-guides/> or <https://pegi.info/>

Joke of the Day I need jokes! If you have a good one, write it down and put it in the joke box in reception.

Don't forget to include your name so I can give you credit. Thank you!

Erica.



Reminder – Aberdovey Parents Meeting

Tuesday 1st October after school is the meeting for Parents of Year 6 pupils who are going to Aberdovey.

School Council Congratulations to our new school council who received their badges in



Assembly last Friday. They were elected by their classmates, and we look forward to their contribution to the school over the next year.

Some Thank You's! To everyone who brought in bags of unwanted clothing for Rags to Riches – we raised £33.50 for the PTFA funds. There will be collections again in January and May.

Also to all the parents who volunteer to come on school trips – these events are so important for the children, and we couldn't do them without your support.

And a plea for help – we need more helpers for the Cheltenham Literature Festival trips for Year 5 on 4th October and Years 1,2,3,4 on 10th October.

Pantomime We are really excited that the PTFA have arranged for the whole school to go to the Bristol Hippodrome on Wednesday 18th December to the Pantomime. A letter will come home next week with more information. The cost of the tickets is covered by the PTFA but they do need parents to pay for the coach travel and snack.

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 11th October 2019.



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